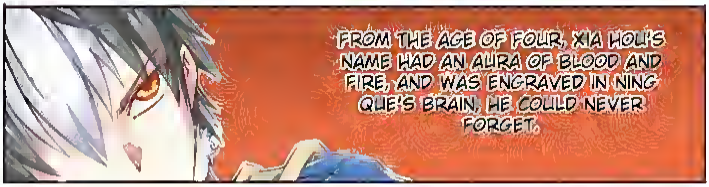
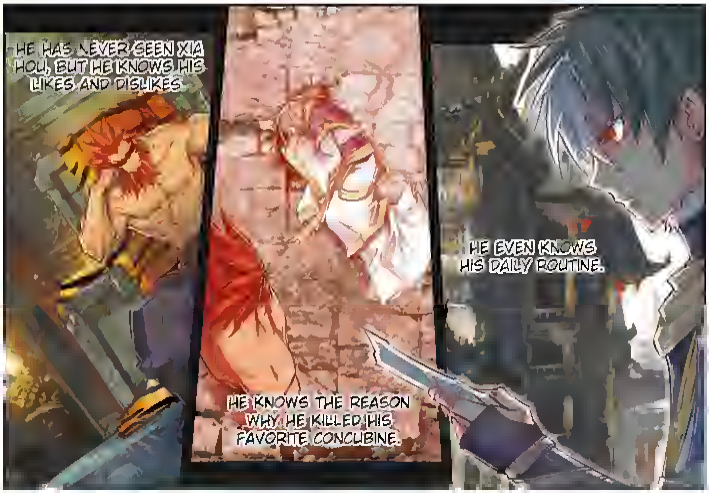
CHAPTER 7 OUTSIDE THE GENERAL'S MANOR

~XIA HOU~
THIS ISN'T A RANDOM NAME.
LAST NAME, XIA. FIRST NAME, HOU.
HE IS ONE OF THE FOUR TANG DYNASTY MOST POWERFUL COMMANDING GENERALS.
HIS [illegible] ARTS IS MIGHTY AND UNRIVALED.
HE HAS A [illegible] AND [illegible] CALM.

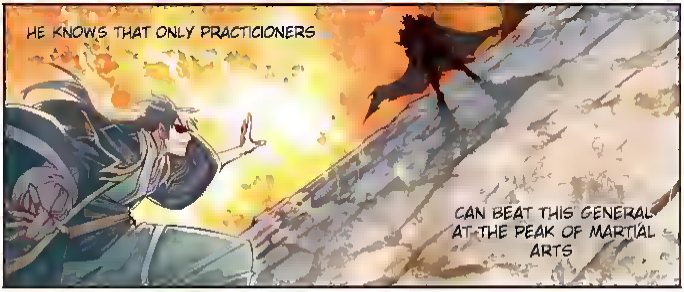
UNDERNEATH THIS IMAGE IS AN INTELLIGENT AND COLD HEART.
HE'S A COLD-BLOODED KILLER AND ONLY BELIEVES IN HIMSELF.

JUST LIKE THE 3 ASSASSINS.

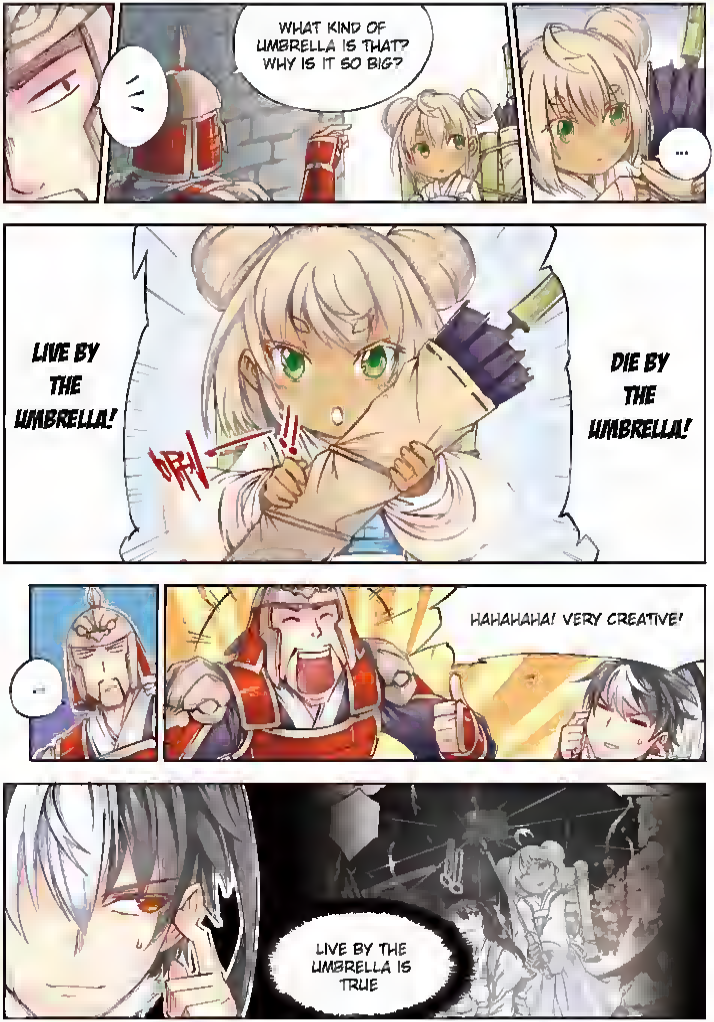

FROM THE AGE OF FOUR, XIA HOU'S NAME HAD AN AURA OF BLOOD AND FIRE, AND WAS ENGRAVED IN NING QUE'S BRAIN. HE COULD NEVER FORGET.


HE HAS NEVER SEEN XIA HOU, BUT HE KNOWS HIS LIKES AND DISLIKES.
HE EVEN KNOWS HIS DAILY ROUTINE.
HE KNOWS THE REASON WHY HE KILLED HIS FAVORITE CONCUBINE.

HE IS THE PERSON THAT KNOWS THE GENERAL THE BEST BECAUSE HE IS THE PERSON WHO WANTS TO KILL HIM THE MOST.


HE KNOWS THAT ONLY PRACTICIONERS
CAN BEAT THIS GENERAL AT THE PEAK OF MARTIAL ARTS

BUT NOW...
HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ESCAPE THE GATE GUARD'S LECTURE.
...
ACTUALLY... IT'S AN HEIRLOOM SWORD...
PASSED DOWN BY MY ANCESTORS.
"LIVE BY THE SWORD, DIE BY THE SWORD..." RIGHT?
I HEAR THIS 800 TIMES A DAY, SO DON'T EVEN TRY PAL...


WHAT KIND OF UMBRELLA IS THAT? WHY IS IT SO BIG?
...
LIVE BY THE UMBRELLA!
DIE BY THE UMBRELLA!
HAHAHAHA! VERY CREATIVE!
...
LIVE BY THE UMBRELLA IS TRUE

BUT, WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW
YOU!? THIS IS
HELP ME
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
QUACK
OKAY, YOU GUYS CAN GO!
WAHAHAHA!
IT'S OVER
YOUNG MASTER,
ARE ALL THE CHANG'AN PEOPLE AS TALKATIVE AS THAT GUARD OVER THERE?
..
I HOPE NOT.

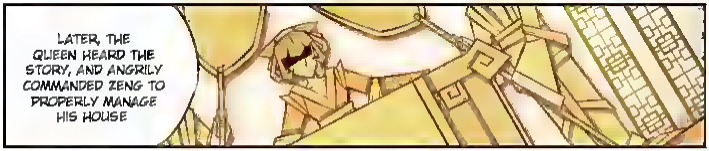
BUT...
TURN
I'VE FINALLY RETURN TO CHANG'AN.

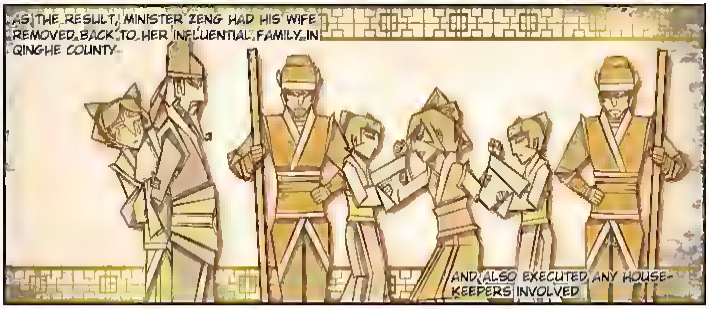
ZENG MANOR
曾府
LIN MANOR
林府
...
CHANG'AN STILL HAS SUCH A SHABBY PLACE
YOUNG MASTER, WE CAME HERE BECAUSE...?

CLENCH
NOTHING
LET'S GO
...
..
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU HEARD THE STORY ABOUT THE TWO MANORS ON THIS STREET?
OH?

THINKING BACK, ZENG JING WAS JUST A SIMPLE MINISTER OF COMMUNE. HIS FIRST WIFE WAS ENVIOUS OF THE YOUNG CONCUBINE SO SHE TORTURED THE CONCUBINE'S CHILD WITH UNKNOWN MISERY.

THIS STORY!
I'VE HEARD OF IT.


LATER, THE QUEEN HEARD THE STORY, AND ANGRILY COMMANDED ZENG TO PROPERLY MANAGE HIS HOUSE


AS THE RESULT, MINISTER ZENG HAD HIS WIFE REMOVED BACK TO HER INFLUENTIAL FAMILY IN QINGHE COUNTY
AND ALSO EXECUTED ANY HOUSE-KEEPERS INVOLVED

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THAT'S RIGHT.
SINCE MINISTER ZENG MADE SUCH A QUICK AND DECISIVE JUDGEMENT, HE OBTAINED THE QUEEN'S FAVOR.
HE WAS GIVEN AN EASY PATH TO POWER WITHIN THE ROYAL COURT.
IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE NEIGHBORING LIN MANOR
SUFFERED A TERRIBLE FATE.
CLANK
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG SO YOU DON'T REMEMBER, BUT I HAVE WITNESSED
THE SCREAM COMING FROM THE MANOR, AND THE BLOOD POURING OUT LIKE STREAM
嗖
嗖
嗖!
YOUNG MASTER!!

?
QUICK, QUICK...
QUICK? WHAT FOR?
BY THE WAY, IT'S QUITE NOISY OUTSIDE
...
QUICKLY REMOVE YOUR CLOTHES...
AND THEN EXCHANGE THEM.

WE'RE DONE CHANGING.
???
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ALAS...
THE XUAN WEI GENERAL WAS ACCUSED OF TREASON, BUT NONE OF THE OFFICIALS SPOKE OUT ON HIS BEHALF.
YES.
AND THE FOLLOWERS OF THE "PRINCE" WHO REPORTED GENERAL LIN IS PROBABLY INDULGING IN DEBAUCHERY AT THE BROTHELS; DON'T KNOW IF THEY CAN EVEN REMEMBER THE INCIDENT FROM THAT YEAR.
...

YOUNG MASTER, YOU AND THE GENERAL'S MANOR...
HOW ARE YOU RELATED?
OF COURSE I'M RELATED.
I ASKED YOU "HOW" ARE YOU RELATED.
NOT IF YOU ARE RELATED!
GU
I CAN TELL YOU THE RELATIONSHIP, BUT IF I DO...

...
WE'LL LOSE OUR HEADS.
HMPH...
LACK
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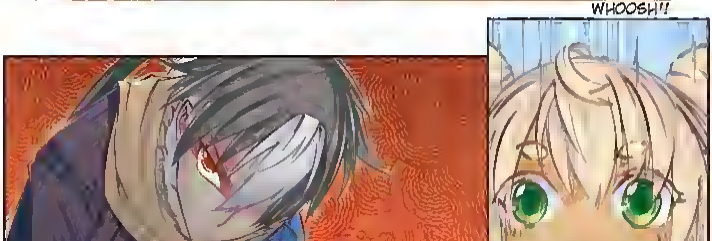
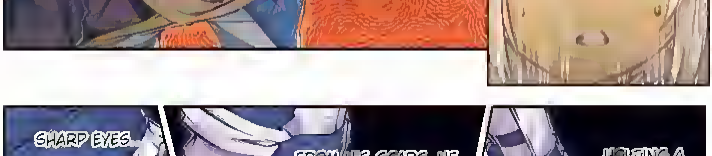
WHOOSH!!




SHARP EYES...
FROM HIS SCARS, HE MAY BE A SEASONED SARGEANT... AND BATTLE-HARDENED...
HOLDING A SABER...

HE COULD BE AN ASSASSIN TARGETING YOUNG MASTER...
DRAW

SIT DOWN
CLENCH

I HAVE
FOUND YOU !